

Chambers of District Judge Sam Sparks

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Sam Sparks
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1939
Education: Texas 1961 BA, 1963 LLB
Began Service: December 7, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Chambers of District Judge Homer Thornberry, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1964-1965)

Government: Aide (D-TX), Office of Representative W. Homer Thornberry, United States House of Representatives (1963-1964)

Legal Practice: Associate Partner, Hardie, Grambling, Sims & Galatzan (1965)

Current Memberships: American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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**Fred Biery**
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Texas Lutheran 1970 BA;
Southern Methodist 1973 JD
Began Service: March 14, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Judicial: Judge, Bexar County Court at Law (1979-1982); Judge, Texas District Court, 150th District (1983-1988); Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, Fourth District (1989-1994)

Legal Practice: Partner, Biery, Biery, Davis & Myers (1973-1978)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1970-1976)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The William S. Sessions American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; San Antonio Bar Association; San Antonio Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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Orlando L. Garcia
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
Education: Texas 1975 BA, 1978 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Legislative Aide, United States House of Representatives (1974-1983); State Representative Orlando Luis Garcia (R-TX), Texas House of Representatives (1983-1991)

Judicial: Judge, Texas Court of Appeals, Fourth District (1991-1994)

Legal Practice: Associate, Law Office of Matt Garcia (1978-1985); Associate, Heard, Goggan, Blair & Williams (1985-1990)

Current Memberships: San Antonio Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

Staff

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Philip R. Martinez
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1957
Education: Texas (El Paso) 1979 BA; Harvard 1982 JD
Began Service: February 15, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Judicial: Judge, County Court of Law No. 1 (1991); Judge, 327th Judicial District Court, State of Texas (1991-2002)

Legal Practice: Associate, Kemp, Smith, Duncan & Hammond, P.C.

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The American Law Institute; El Paso Bar Association; El Paso Mexican-American Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; National Hispanic Bar Association; Philosophical Society of Texas; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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Xavier Rodriguez
District Judge

Date of Birth: September 20, 1961
Education: Harvard 1983 AB; Texas 1987 MPA, 1987 JD
Began Service: August 18, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Judicial: Justice, Supreme Court of Texas (2001-2002)

Legal Practice: Partner, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (1987-2001); Partner, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (2002-2003)

Military Service: Captain, United States Army Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The American Law Institute; San Antonio Bar Association; San Antonio Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

Staff

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Lee Yeakel
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Texas 1966 BA, 1969 JD; Virginia 2001 LLM
Began Service: July 31, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Government: Member, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; Member, Licensing and Regulation Commission, State of Texas (1989-1998)

Judicial: Chief Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, Third District (1998); Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, Third District (1998-2003)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1969-1998)

Military Service: United States Marine Corps (1968-1970)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The American Law Institute; State Bar of Texas; Travis County Bar Association

Staff

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